

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 35

A VOW FULFILLED, A JOURNEY FINISHED

A Personal Response of Gratitude for Divine Deliverance

(Acts 18:18-22)

INTRODUCTION:

LAST WEEK: PAUL'S MINISTRY IN CORINTH (18:1-17)

1. THE UNFORESEEN PARTNERS THAT JOINED HIM: (v. 1-4)

"And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, having recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome." (v. 2)

2. THE UNCHANGING PURPOSE THAT GUIDED HIM: (v. 5-8)

"But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul began devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ..."

3. THE UNFAILING PROMISE THAT SUSTAINED HIM: (v. 9-11)

"Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people..."

4. THE UNEXPECTED PRONOUNCEMENT THAT DELIVERED HIM: (v. 12-17)

"'...I am unwilling to be a judge of these matters.' And he drove them away from the judgment seat. ...Gallio was not concerned about any of these things."

TODAY: PAUL'S DEPARTURE FROM CORINTH (18:18-22)

1A. PAUL'S _____ : (v. 18a)

"Paul, having remained many days longer, took leave of the brethren and put out to sea for Syria, and with him were Priscilla and Aquila."

2A. PAUL'S _____ : (v. 19-21)

"They came to Ephesus, and he left them there. Now he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. When they asked him to stay for a longer time, he did not consent, but taking leave of them and saying, 'I will return to you again if God wills,' he set sail from Ephesus."

3A. PAUL'S _____ : (v. 18b)

"In Cenchrea he had his hair cut, for he was keeping a vow."

- The vow was often an expression of _____

CONCLUSION: